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SUBJECT: JAPANESE VIEW ON SOVIET INVITATION TO MULTI-
LATERAL SALMON TALKS

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1. ON MARCH 24 EMBOFF MET JAPANESE EMBOFF RESPONSIBLE FOR
FISHERIES MATTERS TO DISCUSS SOVIET PROPOSAL TO HOLD
MULTILATERAL TALKS ON SALMON FISHING. JAPANESE EMBOFF
CONFIRMED THAT JAPANESE HAD RECEIVED INVITATION TO THE
TALKS. TOKYO HAS NOT YET RESPONDED BUT THE JAPANESE
EMBOFF EXPECTED THAT THE EVENTUAL REPLY WOULD BE NEGATIVE.
JAPANESE EMBOFF STATED THAT THE JAPANESE ARE NOT OPPOSED
TO MEASURES TO CONSERVE SALMON STOCKS BUT THEY BELIEVE
THIS MATTER SHOULD BE HANDLED THROUGH BILATERAL CHANNELS.
IN THIS CONNECTION, JAPANESE EMBOFF MENTIONED MARCH 21-23
MEETING IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN SENIOR US, CANADIAN, AND
JAPANESE FISHERIES OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS THE SOVIET PRO-
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POSAL, WHICH HE SAID DECIDED THAT THE PROPOSAL REPRESENTED
A SOVIET ATTEMPT TO PRESSURE THE JAPANESE DURING THEIR
CURRENT TALKS WITH THE SOVIETS ON SALMON.

2. THE JAPANESE EMBOFF COMMENTED THAT THE JAPANESE AND
THE SOVIETS ARE STILL FAR APART IN THE SALMON TALKS.
ACCORDING TO THE JAPANESE EMBOFF, THE SOVIETS HAVE TAKEN

THE POSITION THAT ALL SALMON FISHING ON THE HIGH SEAS SHOULD BE BANNED. SOVIETS HAVE CONTINUED TO EXCLUDE JAPANESE SALMON FISHERMEN FROM THE SOVIET TWO HUNDRED MILE ZONE AND THE JAPANESE DO NOT EXPECT THE BAN TO BE LIFTED THIS YEAR. THE SOVIETS ARE TAKING THE POSITION THAT SALMON FISHING SHOULD BE LIMITED TO AN UNDELINE D AREA NEAR RIVER MOUTHS, WHICH THE JAPANESE FIND UNACCEP- TABLE. THE JAPANESE WOULD LIKE TO CONCLUDE THE PRESENT SALMON TALKS BY MID APRIL BUT THE JAPANESE EMBOFF COM- MENTED THAT IT WOULD BE MORE REALISTIC TO EXPECT THEIR CONCLUSION BY EARLY MAY.

3. COMMENT: WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE FROM WASHINGTON ON SOVIET DEPUTY MINISTER OF FISHERIES KAMENTSEV'S PLOY (REPORTED SEPTEL) OF PROPOSING AN ADVANCE MEETING ON SALMON WHICH WOULD EXCLUDE THE JAPANESE, AND WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE REPORT OF THE MAY 21-23 MEETING THROUGH TELE- GRAPHIC CHANNELS. TOON

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